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DEPARTMENT FOR AF/C AND EUR/UBI, OPS CENTER FOR RON COLLINS

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PREL, PREF, PHUM, BE, RW  
SUBJECT: HARD CHOICES LOOM BEHIND BELGIAN DECISION TO  
SUSPEND BILATERAL AID TO RWANDA

REF: A) FBIS 252143Z APR 95  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
REVIEW AUTHORITY: JOHN L MILLS  
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1. C - ENTIRE TEXT. OADR USED BECAUSE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SOURCES CITED.

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SUMMARY  
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2. BELGIUM'S DISPLEASURE WITH THE TRAGIC EVENTS AT THE KIBEHO CAMP IN RWANDA WAS CLEARLY EVIDENT IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE MFA TO SUSPEND BILATERAL AID TO RWANDA (REF A). EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN AID DIRECTLY ASSISTING THE POPULATION, AND PRINCIPALLY CHANNELLED THROUGH NGO'S, AS WELL AS SUPPORT FOR THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE "STATE OF LAW" ARE EXEMPT FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION. (A COPY OF THE PRESS STATEMENT HAS BEEN FAXED TO AF/C AND THE OPS CENTER.)

3. POLOFF CONTACTED [REDACTED] TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH AID WAS INVOLVED IN THE CUT-OFF.

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[REDACTED] SAID THAT, IN SPITE OF WHAT HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED AT TODAY'S MFA PRESS CONFERENCE, HE WAS NOT CERTAIN FONMIN DERYCKE WOULD BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH FIGURES ON THE AMOUNTS INVOLVED BY FRIDAY, APRIL 28. THE MFA WAS STILL WORKING ON COMPILING THE ESTIMATES.

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[REDACTED] JUDGED THAT NOT MUCH MONEY WOULD BE AFFECTED AS THE GOB HAD BEEN DEFINING HUMANITARIAN AID TO RWANDA RATHER BROADLY. (COMMENT. AMONG THE CATEGORIES OF AID CITED BY THE MFA PRESS SPOKESMAN WERE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SUPPORT AND AID TO THE HEALTH, AGRICULTURE, AND JUDICIAL SECTORS. THE SPOKESMAN SINGLED OUT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

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SUPPORT AS CERTAIN TO BE SUSPENDED. ABSENT A FINAL DETERMINATION FROM THE MFA, BUT BASED ON THE GOB'S PREVIOUS COMMITMENT TO HEALTH AND AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS, WE SUSPECT THAT CUTS IN THESE SECTORS, IF ANY, WILL BE SMALL. END COMMENT.)

4. [REDACTED] THE DECISION TO SUSPEND AID HAD BEEN TAKEN AFTER CONSULTATION BY FONMIN DERYCKE WITH PRIME MINISTER DEHAENE AND VICE PRIME MINISTER VANDE LANOTTE. IT WAS THUS A GOVERNMENTAL DETERMINATION AND WOULD BE

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DISCUSSED FURTHER DURING THE CABINET'S WEEKLY FRIDAY MEETING ON APRIL 28. SOMETIME AFTER THE 4/28 CABINET MEETING, DERYCKE IS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE ORALLY TO THE MEDIA THAT COOLSAET WILL BE TRAVELLING TO KIGALI THE WEEK OF MAY 8. COOLSAET WILL BE SEEKING MEETINGS WITH THE MOST IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT BELGIUM'S MESSAGE IS HEARD "LOUD AND CLEAR". HE REQUESTED THAT WE HOLD CLOSELY THE INFORMATION ABOUT HIS PLANNED VISIT TO KIGALI.

5. THERE HAD BEEN NO OFFICIAL REACTION FROM THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT IN KIGALI OR THE RWANDAN EMBASSY IN BELGIUM TO THE GOB'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

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AS AN ASIDE,  
LAMENTED THAT SCHEDULING CONFLICTS HAD PREVENTED  
A MEETING BETWEEN FONMIN DERYCKE AND M TWAGIRAMUNGU WHEN  
THE LATTER VISITED BRUSSELS LAST WEEK.

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